

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 12, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Pierce, Selectman Representative  
Ginny Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative  
Maureen Buckley, Precinct Representative  
Pat Collins  
Richard Desrosiers  
Brian Lapham  
Dustin Marzinzik  
Mark McFarlin  
Sandra Nickerson  
Michael Plouffe  
Richard Reniere  
Peter Traynor  
Brian Warburton

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

NOTE: Chairman will not vote except in case of a tie vote.

Chairman Latimer said this meeting would address the School and Town Special Money Articles.

**Hampton School District**

Chairman Latimer welcomed Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent SAU 90, Nathan Lunney, Business Administrator SAU 90, Rosemary Lamers, School Board Chairman, and Peppa Ring and Art Gopalan, School Board members.

Revenues

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Nickerson to approve revenues of \$1,398,250 for the Hampton School District.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 1 – Operating Budget - \$17,864,500

This article has been addressed and recommended to the Public Hearing.

Article 4 – School Maintenance - \$300,000

Article 5 – Special Education Expendable Trust Fund - \$75,000

Article 6 – Child Benefits Services – Sacred Heart School - \$37,080

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Warburton to recommend to the Public Hearing Articles 4 – School Maintenance, 5 – Special Education Expendable Trust fund and 6 – Child Benefits Services – Sacred Heart School.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 2 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – SEA

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 2 – Collective Bargaining Agreement - SEA.

Mr. Lunney discussed the contract and showed where changes were made regarding health care plans and prescription coverage.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – SESP

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – SESP

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer thanked Superintendent Murphy, Mr. Lunney and members of the School Board for attending the meeting.

### **Town of Hampton**

Chairman Latimer welcomed Fred Welch, Town Manager, Richard Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Keith Noyes, Public Works Director, Dyanna Martin, Director of Recreation and Parks, Chris Silver, Chief, Hampton Fire Department and Ann Kaiser, Mosquito Control Committee.

Article 10 – Library Energy Improvements - \$80,000

**Moved** by Mr. Desrosiers, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 10 – Library Energy Improvements.

Mr. Desrosiers presented a financial analysis and outline of the project.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 24 – Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund - \$78,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 24 – Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund.

Ms. Martin explained that this money would be transferred from the Special Revenue Fund and no amount would be raised through taxation.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 39 – Cemetery Improvements - \$65,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 39 – Cemetery Improvements.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 37 – Ring Swamp Cemetery Restoration - \$4,950

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 37 – Ring Swamp Cemetery Restoration.

**Vote:** 13 yes, 1 no (Lapham). Motion passed.

Article 41 – Skate Board Park – \$35,000

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 41 – Skate Board Park.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 34 – Grist Mill - \$34,260

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 34 – Grist Mill.

Mr. Traynor asked if the contractor doing the work would have adequate liability insurance. Mr. Noyes said they would require proof of insurance.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 2 no (Lapham, Pierce). Motion passed.

Article 33 – 2012 Christmas Parade - \$3,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 33 – 2012 Christmas Parade.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 12 – Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 12 – Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year).

Mr. Nichols said this is a 2.5% increase over two years.

**Vote:** 13 yes, 1 no (Marzinzik). Motion passed.

Article 13 – Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 13 – Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year).

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 14 – Police Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 14 – Police Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year).

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 15 – Fire Fighters Local 2664 Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 15 – Fire Fighters Local 2664 Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year).

Mr. Nichols explained the change in health insurance coverage.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 16 – Fire Officers Local 3017 Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 16 – Fire Officers Local 3017 Collective Bargaining Agreement (2-year).

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 21 – Cemetery Burial Trust Fund - \$15,450

Article 22 – Police Forfeiture Fund - \$90,000

Article 23 – Hampton TV Origination Fund - \$100,000

Article 25 – Human Services Agencies - \$170,651

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 21 – Cemetery Burial Trust Fund, Article 22 – Police Forfeiture Fund, Article 23 – Hampton TV Origination Fund, and Article 25 – Human Services Agencies.

It was noted that Articles 21, 22 and 23 would not have any effect on the tax rate.

**Vote:** 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 26 – Mosquito Control - \$43,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to NOT recommend Article 26 – Mosquito Control to the Public Hearing.

Ms. Woolsey said funding for mosquito control has been included in the operating budget and there is no need for a warrant article.

Ms. Kaiser said this warrant article is an insurance policy should more money be needed over what is in the operating budget.

Mr. Warburton said this is a matter of public health and if more money than what is in the operating budget is needed, it will still be funded.

**Vote:** 8 yes (Latimer voting), 7 no (Buckley, Bridle, Collins, Lapham, Pierce, Reniere, Traynor). Motion passed.

Article 27 – Mounted Patrol - \$33,511

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to NOT recommend Article 27 – Mounted Patrol to the Public Hearing.

**Vote:** 8 yes, 6 no (Buckley, Collins, Lapham, Pierce, Reniere, Traynor). Motion passed.

Article 36 – Reduction of Legal Department Budget by \$200,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 36 – Reduction of Legal Department Budget by \$200,000.

**Amendment made** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton to reduce the \$200,000 number in Article 36 to \$1.00.

Mr. Welch said this Committee could not reduce a dollar value. This must be done at the deliberative session. Ms. Woolsey withdrew her amendment.

**Vote:** 0 yes, 10 no (Bridle, Buckley, Collins, Desrosiers, Lapham, Marzinzik, McFarlin, Nickerson, Pierce, Plouffe, Traynor), 2 abstentions (Warburton, Woolsey). Motion failed.

Article 20 – Compensated Leave Trust Fund - \$100,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to NOT recommend to the Public Hearing Article 20 – Compensated Leave Trust Fund.

Mr. Welch gave an explanation of this fund. Discussion followed.

**Vote:** 8 yes, 5 no (Bridle, Collins, Lapham, Pierce, Reniere), 1 abstention (Marzinzik). Motion passed.

Article 28 – Drainage Improvements - \$145,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to NOT recommend to the Public Hearing Article 28 – Drainage Improvements.

Discussion followed.

**Vote:** 11 yes, 2 no (Bridle, Pierce), 1 abstention (Nickerson). Motion passed.

Article 18 - Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (\$300,000)

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 18 – Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

**Vote:** 10 yes, 4 no (Marzinzik, Nickerson, Traynor, Warburton). Motion passed.

Article 17 – Department of Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - \$320,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to recommend to the Public Hearing Article 17 – Department of Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 1 no (Nickerson), 1 abstention (Marzinzik). Motion passed.

Article 9 – Church Street Pumping Station - \$4.850,000

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to NOT recommend to the Public Hearing Article 9 – Church Street Pumping Station.

Ms. Woolsey said that although she is very much in favor of this project, she is not happy with the documentation. There has not been enough time to properly plan for this project. Chairman Latimer agreed. Mr. Noyes said they have done a great deal of planning and he did not feel this project would exceed the amount requested.

**Vote:** 3 yes, 10 no (Collins, Bridle, Buckley, Desrosiers, Lapham, McFarlin, Nickerson, Pierce, Reniere, Traynor). Motion failed.

Article 8 – Winnacunnet Road and Beach Fire Stations - \$4,744,940

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to NOT recommend to the Public Hearing Article 8 – Winnacunnet Road and Beach Fire Station.

Ms. Woolsey said to put the burden of two major articles before the public at the same time is wrong. The pump station is more important. Ms. Woolsey said she also does not like the phases in connection with the Winnacunnet Station. She said she felt it would be better to do the fire stations next year as they were presented in last year's warrant.

Chief Silver said he would, of course, prefer last year's plans, but he could accept this article.

**Vote:** 8 yes (Latimer voting), 7 no (Bridle, Buckley, Collins, Lapham, McFarlin, Pierce, Reniere). Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary